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MIMOSA HALL
(Phoenix Hall)
Roswell, Fulton County, Georgia
(Formerly Cobb County)

Owner: Mrs. John W. Reid, Sr.

Date of Erection: Between 1830 - 40.

Architect - Builder: Boston Architect - Name lost.

Present Condition: Good. The front door, ~~which~~ was bought by the late Neel Reid (an architect himself) from an old house on lower Fifth Ave., New York, which was being torn down and which had been the home of the first Bishop in N. Y.

The interior was restored by Mr. Reid, the two rooms at left being opened into one room and paneled and improvements in the way of bath rooms, electric wiring and a furnace installed. Due to the fact that Mr. Reid was an architect of rare appreciation and ability, the architectural character of the house has been preserved and enhanced. The back stoop was widened.

Number of Stories: Two and attic.

Materials of Construction: Brick foundation and exterior walls plastered and lined as of stone. Front porch floor and steps laid with brick and overlaid with plaster. Interior floors wood. Interior walls frame and plaster.

Other Existing Records: Ga. Homes and Landmarks, page 91. The first hundred years (Cobb County History) by Temple, Garden History of Georgia 1733-1933, page 114 as first built, pages 361-2-3-4, show restoration and gardens as planned and carried out by the late Neel Reid and his mother the present owner. Domestic architecture of the Early American Republic: The Greek Revival, by Howard Major.

Additional Data: Built by John Dunwoody. Built of wood. On the night of

the house-warming it was burned to the ground, but was shortly re-built with brick made on the place after the same plan as the first with four stately columns carried to the full height of the two stories and finished with pediment in the manner of the Classical Greek Temple. All plaster both inside and out is the original, as is all woodwork and floors. All timbers hand cut. Sills, beams, and all frame work put together with large wooden pegs. All nails and hinges hand made.

The front door from New York happened to be similar to the back door, and was in keeping with its setting.

House bought from Geo. H. Camp by A. J. Hansell in 1868; by Mrs. Barrington King in 1898; and by the late Neel Reid, architect of Atlanta, Georgia in 1916.

Mimosa Hall grounds adjoin those of Bullock Hall, home of President Theodore Roosevelt's mother.

Most of the above information furnished by Mrs. John W. Reid, Sr., Oct. 1936.

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